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Ruins in Andes Are Oldest Known, German Concludes

By ERIC KEYSER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN (UP)—Ruins in the South American Andes are the remnants of a civilization older than any yet known to man. This is the conviction of Dr. Rolf Muelller, astronomer at the Potsdam observatory, who recently returned to Germany after two years' research work in co-operation with the noted South American archaeologist, Professor Arturo Posnansky, in Bolivia and Peru.

Thither early South American civilization, generally referred to as Peruvian civilization, was believed by scientists to belong to a comparatively recent epoch. No body accorded it an age equal to that of the Egyptian, or even to that of the far more recent Chinese civilization.

Now Dr. Muelller believes that, as to age, the Peruvian civilization may well compare with the Egyptian. In an exclusive interview he told the United Press that his astronomical research has convinced him that places like Machu Picchu, Pisac, and Cusco in the Peruvian mountains were built approximately 4,000 B. C. The ruins in Thuanacu, Bolivia, he said, are still more ancient.

"They must have been built," he continued, "in a fantastically remote prehistoric epoch." Dr. Muelller refused to mention a date but indicated that, compared to the age of Thuanacu, the Cheops Pyramid is a mere babe. Before making a more definite statement as to the age of Thuanacu, he wants to work over his astronomical computations and notes once more.

"My report," Dr. Muelller said, "is certain to arouse a controversy in scientific quarters. Therefore I want to present my case as conclusively as possible. To this end I want to look up certain data and peruse a great number of astronomical publications that were not available to me during my stay in Bolivia and Peru.

"But I can already say this much: The ruins in South America are the vestiges of a civilization which is far, far older than has hitherto been assumed. Moreover it is certain that the ancient South American people must have had an astounding knowledge of astronomy.

"My original purpose in conducting astronomical research among the Peruvian and Bolivian ruins was to ascertain whether there were prehistoric astronomical observatories. I went to various places where so-called Intihuanaca could be found. Intihuanaca is an Indian word signifying a place where the sun is kept prisoner.

"After a careful study of these Intihuanaca I am convinced that

they really were primitive observatories. They were not, as has generally been assumed, merely the altars of shrines for the sun-worship of these ancient people, but were monuments—flat, flat stones shaped and measured in such a way as to permit an observation of the sun for calendaric purposes.

"I investigated such Intihuanaca, for instance, at Machu-Picchu and Pisac in Peru. Although I have no doubt that these Intihuanaca were used as sun observatories, it is difficult to gauge the accuracy of the observations of the ancients.

"A more elaborate astronomical observatory was found at Cusco in Peru. Pre-historic men there apparently made observations of the sun as well as moon. The Cusco Temple del Sol was probably constructed in accordance with the meridian. Unfortunately I was not in a position to make very exact observations at Cusco. The monastery of Santo Domingo has been built on the foundations of the old Temple. Moreover, the oldest altar is situated exactly on top of what used to be the Temple's sanctuary, that is the center where the ancients made their astronomical observations.

"All I could do from this center was to make an indirect observation with my theodolite (an instrument for measuring angles) from the interior of the altar, into which the sunbeams finally permitted me to crawl. This method naturally is scarcely satisfactory for making correct calculations.

"By far the most interesting ruins, however, are those at Thuanacu in Bolivia. The sun temple at Thuanacu, the famous Calasasac, was constructed exactly according to the meridian. That this was merely accidental is hard to believe, especially in the case of Thuanacu."

BUYS HALF A CAR

LIMA, O. (UP)—Mrs. Santo Modiferri and E. C. Baechler are joint owners of a car—that is, each owns one half of the same automobile but they cannot determine which owns which half. The auto was formerly owned by Mrs. Modiferri and her husband who were tenants of Baechler and got behind in their rent. Baechler sued Mr. Modiferri, attached the car and it was sold to Baechler at a constable's sale for \$32. The landlord found that he had purchased an undivided half interest in the car, Mrs. Modiferri possessing the other half.

KEYSTONE NOTES

The main feature of the dancing frolic held on Saturday evening at Boosters' Hall on Main street is a benefit for the Key- stone Chamber of Commerce, was the delightful program of eight numbers given by the Richard and Martin School of Dancing, 1223 Bay View avenue, Wilmington. These dancing numbers were well received by the large number who were present despite the heavy rain. Excellent music was furnished for dancing by the well-known Shirey orchestra of Wilmington composed of musicians, including Louise Ball Shirey, violin; Esther Soule, piano; Russell Soule, banjo; Earl Livingston, saxophone; Dell Smith, trumpet; and Bill Peighland, drum.

Mrs. J. D. Tipton of Amelia street has returned home from Pocatello, Idaho, where she has been during the recent illness and passing of her mother, Mrs. Con Lyons.

The birthday on Saturday of Mrs. Charles King of Main street was the incentive for a card game at the home of Mr. and Mrs. King on Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rocks of Nestoria, were guests during the evening. Dainty refreshments were served at the culmination of the evening's sociability.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbons of Wilmington was the guest of Mrs. Mary Dorchak on Amelia street on Friday.

The Senior and Junior groups of Girl Reserves of Keystone and their advisors, Mrs. George H. Koehler and Miss Margaret Brooks met at the home of Miss Marjorie Sault on Amelia street on Tuesday evening for their regular business meeting. A play was selected by the two groups to be given at a not too far distant date.

Mrs. I. M. Fellows of Barstow is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips on Carson street.

Charles H. Pierce of Dolores street and C. Crowthers of Walteria attended the safety meeting and dance at the new Highfield building on Flower street, Los Angeles on Monday evening, representing the first aid team of the Shell Oil company.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Whitson of Wilmington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Whitson of Amelia street on Sunday.

The Gardena-Wilmington Council of the Tenth District California Congress of Parents and Teachers will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday morning at Carson street school at which time the Carson Street Parent Teachers association will be hosts. Mrs. Roy Winkler of Gardena, counselor, will preside at the meeting which will convene at 10 a. m. A luncheon will be served at noon with an able committee of the Carson association in charge.

The Crochet club will meet this week at the home of Mrs. Pernia Piper on Figueroa street. Mrs. Piper will be hostess at a luncheon for the members and the afternoon hours will be devoted to needlework.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyd and daughter, Wahneeta of Long Beach were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Tannehill of Dolores street on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Loustalot of Puente were guests of Mrs. Loustalot's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Koehler on Wilmington street on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Levers and two children of Figueroa street motored to Glendale on Sunday where they went through the "Church of the Flowers" and the "Wee Kirk of the Heather," and Mausoleum.

Those attending from Keystone the annual mid-winter flower show at Encinitas on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Rocque and daughters, Audrey and Blossom, Mrs. Pernia Piper, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Jennings and daughter, Barbara Jean, and Mrs. Barbara Berry, Roy and Donald Berry. A beautiful group of rare specimens of begonias and other plants were displayed by Mr. Berry in the Torrance Garden Club exhibit which won first prize. The group motored to the begonia gardens following the show which are at Point Loma. Upon their arrival in Keystone they all enjoyed a Dutch supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rocque on Grace street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Harshman of Figueroa street entertained luncheon guests at their home on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Loughboro of Buena Park enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Harshman.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mollinson of Arcadia and Mrs. Nelson and daughter Lucile of El Monte were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles King of Main street.

A group of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hull motored to their home on Carson street on Saturday night following the chamber of commerce dancing party at Boosters' Hall where a buffet lunch was served. Those attending from Keystone were Mr. and Mrs. James B. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. George Nahmens, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Rocque, Donald Berry, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Koehler, Mrs. Pernia Piper, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas

A. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Brazos.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Gebb of Long Beach were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Pierce and family.

The pupils in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades at Carson street school all gathered in Miss Queen's room on Friday where they held their exercises in honor of George Washington's birthday. Papers were read on the life of George Washington by many of the pupils while patriotic songs were also sung.

Lucille Howe of South Lomita was the weekend guest of Henrietta King at her home on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Russell of Main street were hosts on Sunday at their home entertaining as dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Salsbury of Torrance; Mrs. Isabel Laird, Miss Heather Laird and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keppen and two children of Los Angeles.

Guests on Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Harshman on Figueroa street were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Phillips of Inglewood and James Phillips of Butte, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Whitney of Figueroa street were weekend guests of Mr. Whitney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur R. Whitney in Whittier.

WALTERIA NOTES

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sage of Madison street was the scene of a merry reunion Sunday when relatives gathered to greet Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sage, father and mother of R. B. Sage and Ceel Sage, who with their families were the guests. Miss Missie Buchanan, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Sage. She with Mrs. Sage left Monday afternoon by the Pickwick stage for San Francisco where Miss Buchanan expects to make her future home. Mrs. Sage will return to Walteria, after a short visit by her daughter, Miss Christine Haselden.

Mrs. F. McLain and Mrs. Ray Stillman attended the banquet given by the Royal Neighbor Camp at the Odd Fellows Hall in Lomita Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGee of San Fernando valley were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Tipton of Los Codona street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Palmer of Los Codona street accompanied their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Palmer and children and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Githens and son on a motor trip to Glendale, where they visited the airport and later motored to the Tujunga canyon.

Ralph Palmer of Redondo Beach spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Palmer of Los Codona street. Ralph Palmer at one time a resident of Walteria and enjoyed visiting his former playmate, Wayne Cox.

Mrs. Della Popper and Mrs. Elta Crandle of Long Beach, were guests Friday at the home of Mrs. Popper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crowthers of Park street.

Mrs. Albert Coiner of Wilmington visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bryan of Ward street Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McKinley and daughter Joyce of Park street were guests at the home of Mrs. L. Standish of Los Angeles Wednesday evening.

Miss Elva Goyette of Compton and Mrs. E. Johnson of Long Beach and H. D. Kelley of Los Angeles were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. McLain of Hawthorne boulevard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Polston, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Briney and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Owens of Santa Ana were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Polston of North Park street.

Little Patricia Lupin, who has been very ill at the Children's hospital in Hollywood with double pneumonia, is pronounced somewhat better.

Mrs. F. C. Reimar, who is a guest at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Venable of North Park is spending a few days with Mrs. Willis Schwartz of San Bernardino.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCracken of North Park street gave a farewell dinner party Saturday evening in honor of Mr. McCracken's father, J. E. and brother, Paul, who have been their guests for the past three months. The guests were the guests of honor J. E. and Paul McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Wilson of San Pedro and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lindberg and son Donald of El Segundo. Bride was played. High score won by Mrs. Lindberg and consolation by Mr. Wilson. Mr. McCracken and Paul left enroute for their home in Ottawa, Kansas. They will stop over in Tulsa, Okla., where they will visit Mr. McCracken's brother, Frank.

HEN ACTRESS LAYS IN PINCH

Amelia, About to Lose Head, Deposits Two Eggs to Save Own Life

BURLINGTON, Wis. (UP)—Amelia is a hen. Yes, and more than a hen. She is an actress. Her parts in the cackling and strutting scenes of home talent production have endeared her in the hearts of Burlington theatregoers.

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Perhaps some telepathic sense reposed beneath Amelia's comely comb. At any rate when Weller approached the coop, the hen cackled proudly and marched around her nest. There, gleaming white and pearl-like in their newness, lay two eggs. Weller spared the ax and Amelia, has shown gratitude by keeping up the "act."

TEETH ESCAPE CRANK FREMONT, O. (UP)—Oliver Fought, employe of the city waterworks was struck squarely in the mouth while cranking like Ford, were broken but his teeth were undamaged. Fought's plate was found under the car following the accident.

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